

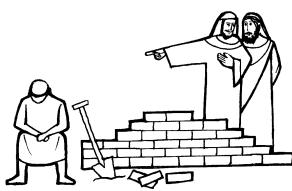
8th September 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday Yr C

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary

The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas

PARISH NEWS



Confirmation 2019/20

Applications are now invited from those in school year 10, 11 and 12 (providing you are 17yrs or under on 1st July 2020).

Application forms are available at the back of each of our churches and from the parish office. Please ensure they are completed and returned by 11th October.

RCIA Programme

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to enrol on our next programme which will be starting in the Autumn.

Application forms are available at the back of all churches and from our website:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

We Journey Together

These applications will open in October, please see the newsletter for more information.

Parish Office New opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-1pm

Outside of these times, access to the parish centre / presbytery is by appointment only

Email: stmm@btconnect.com

Parish office will be closed:
9, 10 September
due to annual leave.

***Oh Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.***

Homelessness in Bexhill

When I heard of a local support group for homeless people by the name of "Matthew 25" I confess that I had to grab my Bible but a glance at verse 35 brought it all back- "When I was hungry...."

HUG (Homeless Unity Group) are now the main support group in Bexhill and have the same aims based on our Christian faith. Their support is based in St Barnabas's Church and they are expanding their work this winter to include:

- Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and from 6.00- 7.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. This is to provide food and, in the mornings, to enable showering and washing of clothes.
- Providing overnight shelter -two security people are employed but volunteers are needed to provide food, drinks and a chat in the evening and early morning.
- Giving lifts to homeless people to Snowflake in St Leonard's.

Many of you have already responded with clothing and sleeping bags and we do hope that we will have an excellent response for this appeal for practical help. The giving of our time and energy is probably the ultimate sacrifice we can make but we do understand that many parishioners, for whatever reason, will not be able to help in this way.

There is an information sheet in the church porches with details of how we can help and an application form.

This is a good opportunity to put our faith into action and to really see Jesus in those who are in such desperate need and to act accordingly. Those we aim to help all have sad stories to tell and we have the opportunity of bringing a little joy and comfort into their lives. Please remember the homeless and all those trying to support them in your prayers.

Ron Brazier (SMM Pastoral Care Group)

We pray for those who have died:

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Diane Batkin, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Winifrede Connellan, Andrew Cruikshank, Maria Cronin, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Lawrence Hearn, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Roy Mitchell, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Celia Reidy, Diana Richardson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, David Spooner, Carol Standen, Terry Standen, Mary Stewart, Connie Stoddart, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Mary Tenneffe, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

1st September £843.40

Gift Aid: £528.24

2nd Collection:

£293.93

Gift Aid: £123.00

Parish Charity Fund

8th September
The Catholic
Education Service
(not in our scheme)

15th September
Home Mission
Sunday
(not in our scheme)

22nd September
SVP
(not in our scheme)

Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy

For a visit from one of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team for Anointing, Holy Communion, or a general visit. Volunteers needed for visiting patients please contact: The Conquest Chaplain:

Cecilia Weathers
01424 757088

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners
Ron Brazier:
844177



CTiB Prayer List

This week: Little Common Methodist (Trisha Williams)

Next week: Bexhill Street Pastors

Adoration

St Mary Magdalene's Church

Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm

&

5:00pm - 8:00pm

The next Patronal Feast day is that of Our Lady of the Rosary, which will be celebrated on 6th October.

Anniversaries Mass 2019

Sat 12th Oct, Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard

For couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking essential
rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk
or 01293 651161.

Lourdes Deanery Reunion

For those who have been or are considering going to Lourdes with the Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, a Re-Union/Tea Party is being held at the Church Hall, **Holy Redeemer**, St Leonards On Sea, TN37 7AS, on **Saturday 21st September 2019 between 14.30 and 16.30**. It's an opportunity to meet fellow Pilgrims or to find out more about the Pilgrimage that takes place at the beginning of the School Summer Holidays each year. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all in September."

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers with +Richard

12noon on Sat 14th September, Arundel Cathedral

For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to. **The Parish has been asked to be the principal serving team. This is quite an honour!**

So please bring cassock/cotta or alb.

Light refreshments will follow
(bring a packed lunch if you wish).

The parish will be organising transport, Please take a letter, complete and return ASAP to the parish office.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Icon Poland in Rye Expansion and Blessing

The Glorious Mysteries of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Litany of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Blessing of Icon and Added Polish Saints
Polish delicacies in the Garden

**Sunday 15th September 2pm
St Anthony of Padua Church,
Watchbell Street, Rye. TN31 7HB**

Please RSVP: 01797 222173 or
catholicparish.rye@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course

The next course will be:

26th October

Christ the King Catholic Church, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT.

If you need further information, please contact Marriage Care on 0800 3893801 or 01159 934255. To book a place on the course please book online:

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/?location=Eastbourne>

John & Christine Mowbray
WWW.MARRIAGECARE.ORG.UK

Parish Diary - September

Monday 9 th September	FHC Session 1.	6:30pm - St Martha's hall
Tuesday 10 th September	FHC Session 1.	6:30pm - St MM hall
Saturday 14 th September	FHC Session 1.	9:00am - St MM hall

St Richards Catholic College

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards Catholic college at the presbytery, dates will follow shortly. **Please note there will be a charge of £10 for the re-issue of any sacramental certificates.**

HDIF

Tuesday 10th September, 7pm to 9pm **at the Bexhill Islamic Association, Clifford Road, TN40 1QA**
"The Imam and the Pastor - Exploring Interfaith Co-operation"

The Pelham

Would like to thank the kindness of the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene Parish for their recent generous donation of £1000.

They would also like to invite all who are interested to the following:

Formal Opening of Phase 4 at The Pelham, on Tuesday 10th September from 3pm-4.30pm

Job Vacancy HUG Sea Road Safe Space Project Manager

Bexhill & Rother Homelessness Unity Group Part Time (24hrs pw).
More info: BexhillHug@gmail.com by 13th September.

St Richards Catholic College

If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process on transition.

With kind permission of the Headteacher, I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at:

St Mary Magdalene's Catholic primary School on Thursday 26th September 2019 at 6.30pm

when I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENCO shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richards Catholic College.

Miss D Cronin, Principal

Fairtrade Stall

Including Malawi Rice

St Martha's hall

15th September

After Mass

Parish Pilgrimage 4th - 13th September 2020

There are approximately twelve parishioners who have shown an interest on this 10 day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and Fatima. Ron will forward your contact details to Tangney Tours who will return the necessary documents when available.

To apply or for more info:
Ron Brazier 844177.

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Advance Notice

1) Practical Training Session:
Sat 16th November 2019
10am Mass at
Holy Redeemer, Hollington
Followed by training session

2) Morning of Recollection to prepare for Advent:
Sat 30th November 2019,
10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill
Followed by session in the hall until 12.30pm.

* also suitable for Readers and parishioners

Ride and Stride



You are invited to join a **sponsored walk (approx. 6 miles)**

Visiting our churches in Little Common, Sidley and Bexhill

Saturday 14th September

Start point: St Martha's 9.30am

More info: bridget.grant@talk21.com or 07749 482033

St Martha's Open Forum

Monday 16th September, 7pm

St Martha's hall

Our priority: To prepare for change ensuring a spiritual & heartfelt welcome.

Cafod talk – Crawley: Naomi Dring CAFOD Programme Support Officer for Peru, Colombia & Bolivia will talk about the work of CAFOD's partners in that region and how they are responding to climate change and other environmental issues: **Sat 21st September, 9.45am** starting with coffee & croissants at St Francis & St Anthony Parish Room, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley RH10 1HR. Tel: 01483 898866 arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Parish Information

The Presbytery
St Mary Magdalene's
Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

St Martha's
Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

Our Lady of the Rosary
Southlands Road, TN39 5HG

Clergy:
Fr Simon Dray
Fr Rajesh Minz
Deacon Simon Kirkdale
Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB
(Priest in Residence)

Sisters of Providence
(Rosminian) 01424 214818

Parish Office
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Lisa Young
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Office Hours:
Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance: Charles Durrant
Email:
stmm.finance@btconnect.com

Safeguarding Rep
Sylvia Cousins

Hospitals

Conquest Hastings
01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit
01424 730077

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Contact: Mary Williams
via Parish Office - 01424 210263

Parish Schools

St Richard's
Catholic College

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
01424 731070
admin@strichardscc.com
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School
Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
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office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 7th September

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Tom & Betty Morphew RIP
St Mary Magdalene	2:00pm	Kerala Community Mass
St Mary Magdalene	9pm-11pm	Kerala Community Night Vigil

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Peter Stewart RIP

Sunday 8th September

St Martha	9:00am	Clare Simon RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Brian Durrant RIP

The Catholic Education Service
(not in our scheme)

Monday 9th September

St Mary Magdalene		Mass cancelled
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Tuesday 10th September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Patrick Keegan RIP
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Wednesday 11th September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Joseph Thomas RIP
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Thursday 12th September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	The Most Holy Name of Mary
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Friday 13th September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	William (Bill) Austin RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:45am - 12:30pm	Norah Low RIP
St Mary Magdalene	5pm - 8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
St Mary Magdalene		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 14th September

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Feast
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Mrs K Shread RIP

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mario Di Mascio RIP

Sunday 15th September

St Martha	9:00am	Home Mission Day
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	William (Bill) Austin RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Christel Gramme RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Baptism of Eliza Rose Devanny

Home Mission Sunday
(not in our scheme)

Please note: Monday 9th September 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene is cancelled as no priest is available.